Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territories	Amount revalidated during 2002-2003	Amount released during 2002-2003
20.	Orissa	0.00	0.00
21.	Punjab	39.09	54.91
22.	Rajasthan	0.00	10.00
23.	Sikkim	3.00	0.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	20.00	87.00
25.	Tripura	0.00	60.00
26.	Uttaranchal	2.495	2.51
27.	Uttar Pradesh	63.86	97.90
28.	West Bengal	0.00	40.00
29.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.00	5.00
30.	Chandigarh	0.00	1.00
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00
32.	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00
33.	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00
34.	NCT of Delhi	0.00	10.00
35.	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL:	244.045	655.40

Assistance to Agricultural Research Centre

†328. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the new research works which are being undertaken in Agricultural University at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Agricultural Research Centres are being extended lesser economic aid by Central Government; and

(c) whether it has been noticed that many other Agricultural Research Centres including that of Pusa at Delhi are unable to undertake new research works for want of financial aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Development of new improved

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varieties and their production and protection technology of various cereal, millet pulse, oilseed, cotton, sugarcane and forage crops besides work on seed production technology, pesticides residues, nematodes, pre and post harvest equipment and technologies including renewable energy gadgets is being undertaken at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Krishi Vishva Vidyalaya, Jabalpur and its research centres. The University has started a Biodiversity Centre to protect, preserve and utilize the rich biodiversity particularly of medicinal plants, microbes, fisheries and livestock available in the State. A Department of Biotechnology has already been started. Establishment of a Biotechnology Research Centre at the University and signing of Memorandum of Understanding with four Bureaux of ICAR for plant, animal, fisheries and microbial biodiversity conservation are in progress.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The budgetary allocation for agricultural research are to the tune of 775 crores during 2002-03 as against 684 crores during 2001-02, an increase of 13.6%. This enhancement was higher as compare to other S&T Departments.

The Pusa Institute at Delhi has started new research projects in frontier areas like molecular biology and biotechnology, strengthening research on precision farming, biofuel, integrated nutrient management, marketing intelligence, organic farming, etc. All these aspects have been included in the Tenth Five Year Plan proposals of the Institute.

Reforms in Administrative set up of ICAR

†329. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have felt any need to make radical reforms in the administrative set up of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research;

(b) if so, what are these reforms;

(c) the changes expected due to implementation of the same; and

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